

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department Summary

Mission Statement

To provide legal and other services to the State, including the agencies, officers, and employees of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Hawaii government.

Department Goals

To safeguard the rights and interests of the people of the State of Hawaii by being the defender of and advocate for the people and undertaking appropriate legal and other actions on their behalf; to protect the State's interest in legal matters by providing excellent and timely legal advice and representation to the executive, legislative, and judicial branches; to preserve, protect, and defend the constitution and laws of the State of Hawaii and the United States, to enforce the State's constitution and laws, and to facilitate the enforcement of federal law; and to assist and coordinate statewide programs and activities that improve the criminal justice system and law enforcement.

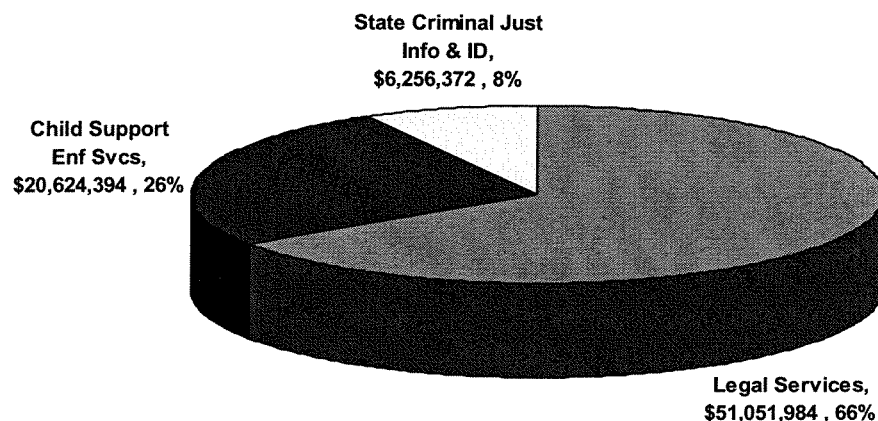
Significant Measures of Effectiveness

1. Number of cases settled, tried, or decided
2. Percentage of complete dispositions on CJIS-Hawaii
3. Efficiency rating: Dollars collected per dollar expended

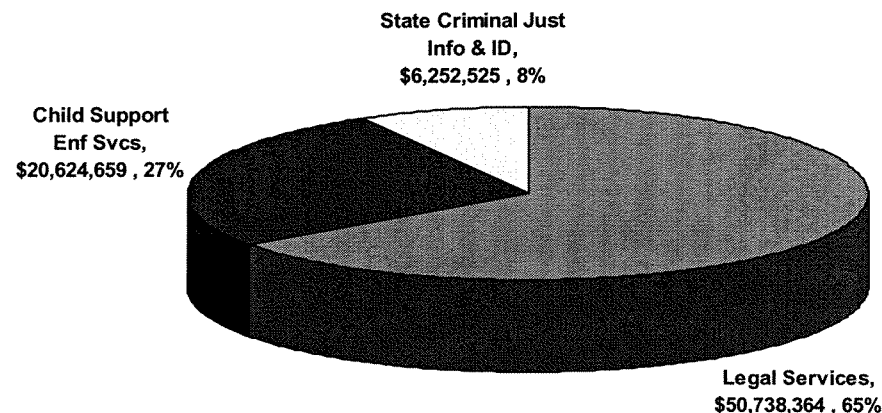
<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
25,000	26,000
93.0%	93.0%
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FB 2007-09 Operating Budget by Major Function

FY 2008



FY 2009



DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAJOR FUNCTIONS

- Provides legal services to the state agencies and employees; represents the State in all civil litigations in which the State is a party; conducts civil and criminal investigations; drafts and approves as to form the legality of various documents
- Prosecutes criminal offenses, such as Medicaid fraud, welfare fraud, tax fraud, unemployment fraud, organized crime, and other crime against the public order; and initiates, develops and performs or coordinates programs, projects and activities on the subject of crime
- Oversees the actions of the trustees of charitable trusts and to bring any abuse or deviation by the trustees to the attention of the probate court for possible correction
- Seeks to enforce the federal and state antitrust laws to benefit businesses and consumers in the State of Hawaii and the overall welfare of the State of Hawaii
- Responsible for the enforcement of the Master Settlement Agreement pursuant to the Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 675 (HRS Chapter 675, State's Tobacco Liability Act); and the Cigarette Tax Stamp requirements and prohibition against the sale of Gray Market cigarettes
- Maintains the automated statewide information system that collects, maintains, and disseminates individual criminal history record information for those arrested and fingerprinted
- Administers the Child Support Enforcement Program, which involves initiating legal or administrative actions required to secure financial support for children
- Provides a fair and impartial administrative forum for the expeditious resolution of child support disputes through the Office of Child Support hearings

MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS

The Department of Attorney General has programs in the following major program areas:

Social Services

ATG 500 Child Support Enforcement Services

Public Safety

ATG 231 State Criminal Justice Information and
Identification

Government-Wide Support

ATG 100 Legal Services

Department of the Attorney General
(Operating Budget)

		Allocation		
		FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Funding Sources:	Positions	303.61	340.51	344.51
General Funds	\$	24,721,172	29,313,314	29,727,795
		17.00	18.00	18.00
Special Funds		1,812,450	1,899,738	1,895,738
		152.60	167.80	168.80
Federal Funds		25,791,928	26,190,929	25,634,488
		13.94	13.94	13.94
Trust Funds		6,698,731	6,505,599	6,505,599
		53.35	54.85	54.85
Interdepartmental Transfers		7,896,846	8,158,217	8,150,717
		26.00	29.90	29.90
Revolving Funds		5,604,296	5,750,603	5,746,603
		566.50	625.00	630.00
Total Requirements		72,525,423	77,818,400	77,660,940

Highlights of the Executive Budget Request: (general funds unless noted)

1. Added 6.90 positions and \$992,000 in FY 08 and 9.20 positions and \$1,256,000 in FY 09 in general funds to replace federal and trust funds to maintain current expenditure level for the Child Support Enforcement Agency. Trust funds can no longer be used to match federal funds pursuant to the federal Deficit Reduction Act.
2. Added \$249,900 in general funds and \$485,100 in federal funds annually for information technology enhancements for the Child Support Enforcement Agency.
3. Provided \$1,076,217 each year to continue funding for sexual violence services.

4. Added \$300,000 annually to the litigation fund for costs related to prosecution or defense of a court action or suit involving the State.
5. Provided 4.0 temporary positions and \$275,330 each year for DNA testing of felons. It allows for the collection of samples from additional felons every year, and unsupervised felons.
6. Provided 4.5 positions and 143,725 in FY 08 and 4.5 positions and \$287,447 for the Hawaii High Technology Crime Unit.
7. Added federal funds of \$401,079 in FY 08 and \$124,579 in FY 09 for the Next Generation Juvenile Justice Information System that combines juvenile offender information from police, prosecutors, Family Court, and Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility to track juvenile offenders.